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SUBJECT: WESTERN FIVE MEETING ON RHODESIAN PEACE PROPOSALS

1. UK AMBASSADOR RICHARD CONVENED MEETING OF WESTERN FIVE
AMBASSADORS SEPTEMBER 12 TO REVIEW BIDDING ON UK/US PEACE
PROPOSALS AND TO SEEK THE SUPPORT OF HIS COLLEAGUES FOR
UK/US SECURITY COUNCIL INITIATIVES. HE SAID THAT THE
BRITISH ENVISAGED A TWO STAGE APPROACH. THE FIRST STAGE
WOULD BE AN INITIAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING NEXT WEEK
--PERHAPS AS EARLY AS NEXT MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19--TO
SEEK A "SHORT, SHARP RESOLUTION", WHICH ONLY WOULD
AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE.
RICHARD EMPHASIZED THAT THE UK WOULD NOT SEEK SECURITY
COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF THE UK/US PEACE PROPOSALS AT THIS
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FIRST MEETING. RATHER, THE UK WOULD ONLY ASK THE
COUNCIL TO "TAKE NOTE" OF THE PORPOSAL IN AUTHORIZING
A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT BACK ON THE SECURITY
SITUATION.

2. WITHIN "TWO TO THREE WEEKS", UNDER BRITISH TIME-
TABLE, THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WOULD HAVE RETURNED

FROM HIS TALKS WITH MILITARY LEADERS IN RHODESIA WITH HIS RECOMMENDATIONS ON UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE. AT THIS POINT THE BRITISH WOULD RETURN TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR A "SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE" WITHIN THE BROADER CONTEXT OF THE ANGLO AMERICAN PROPOSALS.

3. US AND UK NOW PLANNING FULL SCALE LOBBYING EFFORT IN NEW YORK THIS WEEK CONCENTRATING ON MISSIONS OF SECURITY COUNCIL AND AFRICAN FRONT LINE STATES. ALTHOUGH RICHARD, IN DESCRIBING THE REACTIONS OF KEY AFRICAN STATES, WAS GENERALLY UPBEAT, HE DID REMIND HIS COLLEAGUES THAT IF THIS FIRST STAGE FAILED, I.E. IF THE SECURITY COUNCIL FAILED TO AUTHORIZE A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE--THEN HE (RICHARD) SAW THE WHOLE PEACE PLAN IN SHAMBLES.

4. AMBASSADORS GENERALLY AGREED THAT RUSSIAN PERCEPTIONS OF AFRICAN REACTIONS TO RESOLUTION WOULD BE KEY IN DETERMINING RUSSIAN VOTE. THERE WAS SOME FEAR, HOWEVER, THAT THE RUSSIANS MIGHT SEE THIS VOTE AS THE FIRST TEST CASE OF A "NEW" WESTERN AFRICAN POLICY AND THEREFORE WOULD GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO THWART IT.

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